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In re Application of:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING FILING OF  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated January 11, 2008, applicant respectfully requests a one (1) month extension of time, thereby extending the period for response to May 12, 2008 (since May 11, 2008 falls on a Sunday). Applicant has timely filed this Preliminary Amendment electronically within the 1-month extension period. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.